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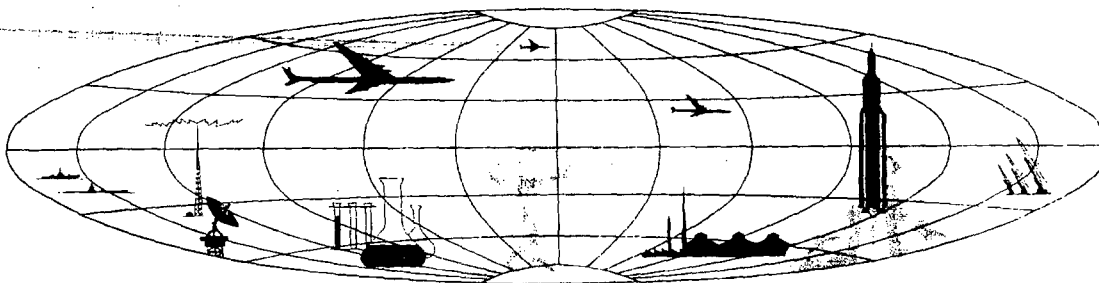
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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LIDA ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST

(53-53N 025-16E)

LIDA, GRODNENSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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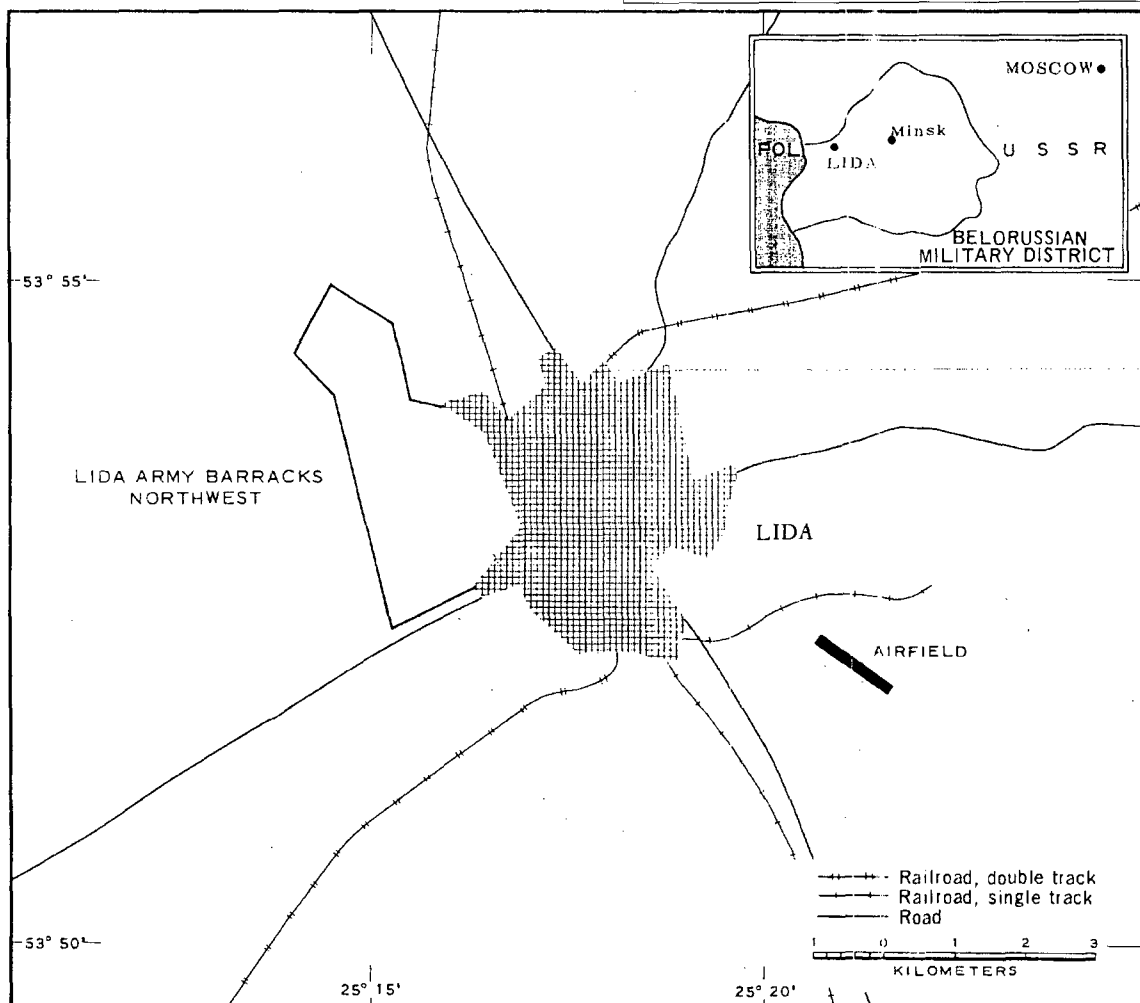


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF LIDA ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST, USSR.

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SUMMARY

Lida Army Barracks Northwest is located on the northwest edge of Lida (53-53N 25-17E) and on the west side of the Molodechno-Volkovysk rail line. The installation is probably served by the rail yard in Lida, and has all-weather road connections with Lida. A training area (AL-2) is located 20 kilometers to the south-east at 53-46N 25-30E. A road connects Lida Army Barracks Northwest to this military training area.

The installation covers approximately 1,400 acres and includes three administration buildings, 21 barracks, 51 storage buildings, 38 support buildings, and 68 officer and dependent quarters. Two vehicle or equipment parks with a total of 18 associated storage/maintenance buildings can also be identified.

The installation also includes three secured ammunition storage areas, one containing 12 revetted buildings, and the other two containing 15 unrevetted buildings, and an athletic field. Training facilities within the installation include

three small arms ranges, a probable tracked-vehicle driver training course, and a tracked-vehicle firing range. Within the general area are a SAM site and an unoccupied AAA site.

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and six KEYHOLE missions between May 1962 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage between May 1962 and February 1964, with reduced usage during the winter months. The tracked-vehicle driver training course and the wheeled-vehicle training course were barely discernible on July 1963 photography, indicating a reduction in usage.

Other significant changes since 1956 include the addition of a doubly secured ammunition storage area containing 12 revetted buildings, 32 storage buildings scattered throughout the area, two new barracks, 16 support buildings, 36 dependent quarters, three equipment storage buildings, and one small arms firing range.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION**Railroad Service**

The double-track Molodechno-Volkovysk rail line serves Lida. The main rail yard located in the southern edge of Lida possibly serves this installation.

Road Service

Probable all-weather secondary roads connect from Lida.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains two administration buildings, 11 barracks, and three support buildings.

Area D2 contains six barracks and three support buildings.

Area D3 contains four barracks and one support building.

Area D4 contains one administration building and three support buildings.

Since 1956 two barracks have been added to this military installation. Track activity indicates probable occupancy of all buildings. The level of track activity remains about the same.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 contains 12 buildings; Area E2, four buildings; Area E3, eight buildings; Area E4, seven buildings; Area E5, 14 buildings; and Area E6, six buildings.

Since 1956, 32 new storage buildings have been constructed in these six secured storage areas.

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Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1, secured by a single fence, contains three unrevetted, 50 by 25 foot and three unrevetted, 25 by 15 foot ammunition storage buildings.

Area F2, secured by double fence, contains five unrevetted, 90 by 30 foot and four unrevetted, 70 by 30 foot buildings.

Area F3, secured by double fence, contains 12 revetted, 25 by 30 foot buildings.

Other Buildings

There are 28 support buildings (10 new since 1956), 11 multistory officer and dependent quarters (six new since 1956) and 57 dependents quarters (36 new since 1956) scattered throughout the installation.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains two 165 by 30 foot, one 140 by 45 foot, one 160 by 45 foot, two 95 by 40 foot and six 60 by 30 foot (one new since 1956) buildings and sheds. A 340 by 250 foot vehicle park appears occupied. A secondary road extends from this area to a training area 2,200 yards northwest. No change noted in level of track activity.

Area J2 contains one 150 by 30 foot, one 110 by 35 foot, and four 70 by 30 foot buildings and sheds. Since 1956 two of the small buildings were added. A 400 by 250 foot vehicle park appears occupied. A secondary road extends to the training facilities (N and M2) 2,200 yards north-northwest. No change noted in level of track activity.

Athletic Field

An athletic field, K, apparently in use, was observed partially cleared of snow on December 1963 coverage.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Area L1 is a 900 by 100-to-135 foot range which includes 300, 600, and 900 foot firing lines. Area L2 is a 450 by 110 foot range. Area L3 is a 390 by 145 foot range, new since 1956.

Scarring indicates continued use of all ranges with no indication of a change in level of usage. All ranges are revetted on three sides.

Driver Training Areas

Area M1 is an 850 by 550 foot wheeled-vehicle driver training area. Trackage is very light with approximately 50 percent of area returned to cultivation on 1963 photography--indicating a heavy reduction in usage.

Area M2 is a 3,000 by 550 foot tracked-vehicle driver training area. Photography of 1963 reveals light trackage with the southern part possibly returned to cultivation, indicating heavy reduction in usage or abandonment.

Tracked Vehicle Firing Range

Area N is a tracked-vehicle firing range and consists of two 1,500 feet long (maximum distance from static firing line to target) firing lanes each with a 580-foot target run, and a 1,200-foot-long firing lane with a 550-foot target run. Vehicle tracks are visible but are not clearly defined--indicating reduction in usage.

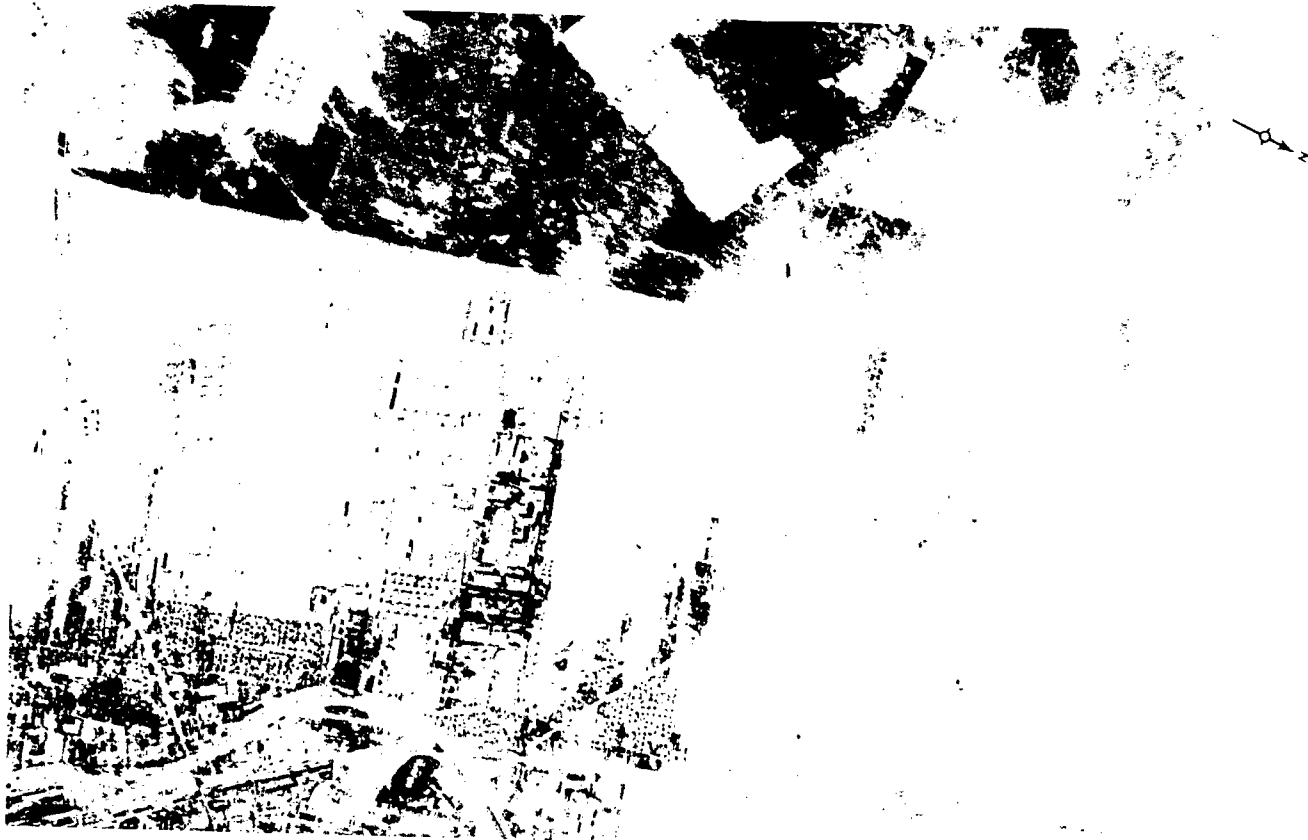


FIGURE 2. LIDA ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST, FEBRUARY 1964.

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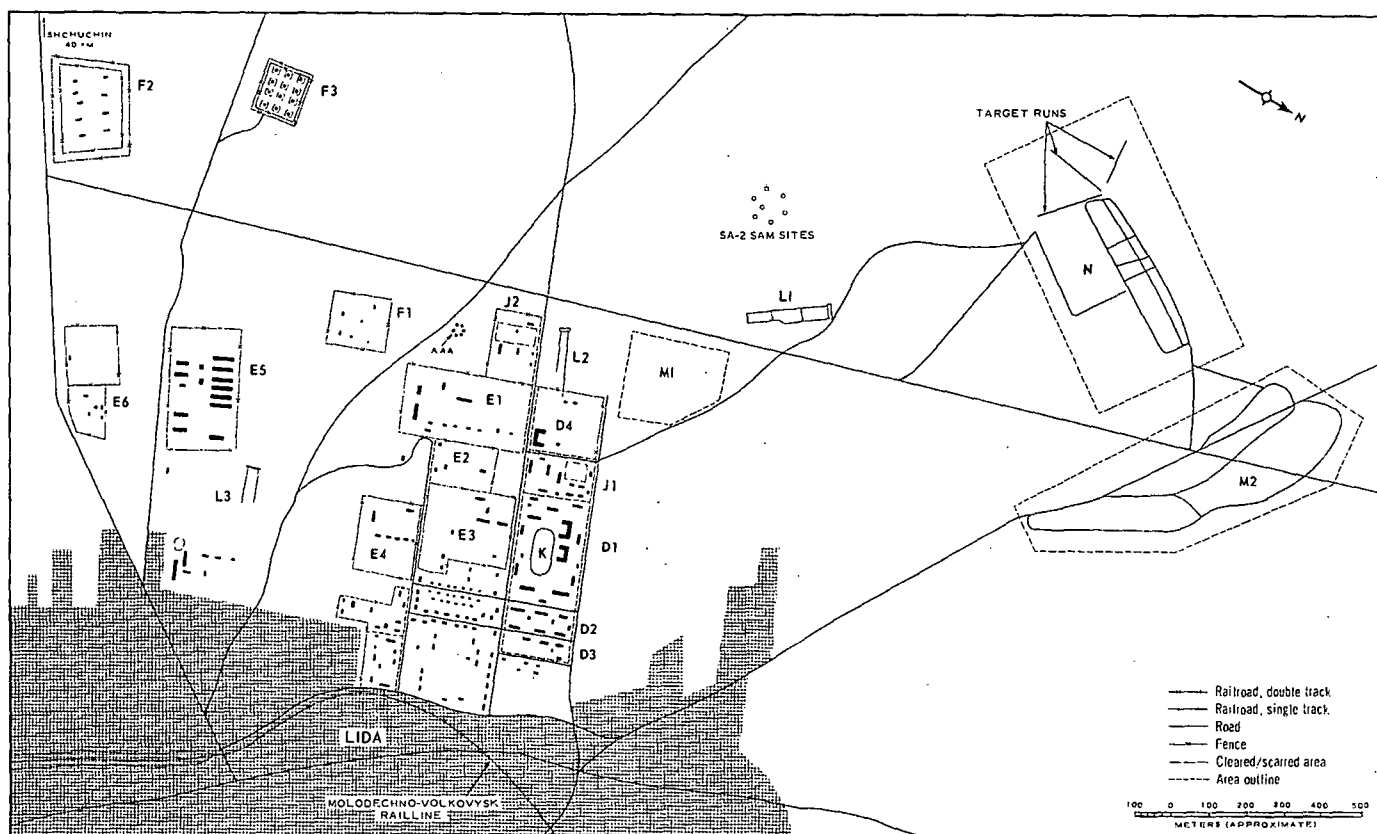
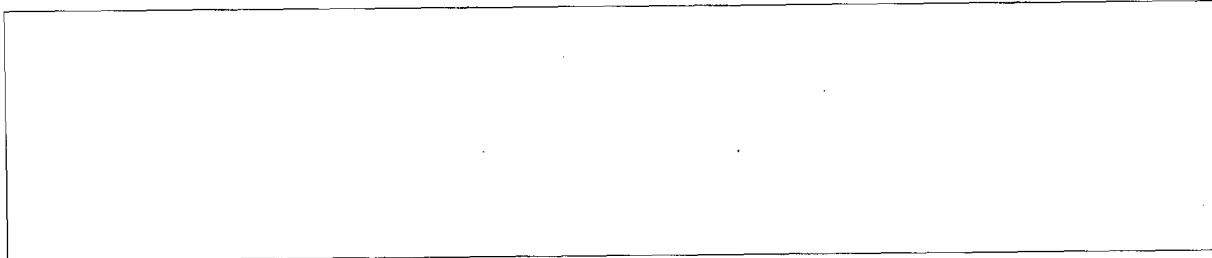


FIGURE 3. LIDA ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST. Sketch compiled from February 1964.

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